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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**
 Masanari KOBAYASHI et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3618
 Serial No. 10/565,394 : Examiner Hau Van Phan
 Filed: January 23, 2006 : **Confirmation No. 2050**
 For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR :
 A VEHICLE :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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CLAIMS			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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TOTAL 18	- 22	= 0	x 25 = \$		x 50 = \$	
INDEP 4	- 4	= 0	x 105 = \$		x 210 = \$	
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			TOTAL \$		TOTAL \$	

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the September 25, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2-8, 10-12, 14-16 and 18-22 are pending, with claims 2, 10, 14 and 19 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.